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1. The Chief Political Administration of the Soviet Armed Forces, GPUVS, is divided into two administrations (upravleniya), one for Navy (Politupravleniye VMF) and the other for Land Forces (Politupravleniye SV).
2. Chief of the Political Administration of Land Forces is Lt. Gen. Krainyukov.* His administration directs all Party and political work of the Soviet land forces through the political administrations attached to the military districts (okrug) and army groups (gruppa voisk arm).
3. The Political Administration of the Soviet Army Group in Germany is headed by Lt. Gen. Pronin**, who issues all orders and directives governing political education and the indoctrination of military units in Germany. Under him are the political officers of the various Soviet armies in Germany, including Lt. Gen. Derevyanko, political deputy commanding general of the First Guards Mechanized Army in Dresden.
4. Directly responsible to the political deputies of armies are the political deputy commanding officers of regiments and tank units equivalent to regiments, called in Russian "divizion" (battalion or squadron), and of "special" units.
5. At present the duty of regimental political officers who are directly responsible for the training of all troops calls for twice-weekly political instruction classes with programs arranged by the political officers, political information meetings held three times weekly, the whole system of discourses, lectures, question and answer periods, all aimed at the following objectives:

- a. Generation of hatred for Anglo-American imperialists.
- b. Preparing the soldier psychologically for war by eliminating from his mind all remaining positive feelings toward the former allies, USA and England.

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- c. Educating the soldier to vigilance, constant battle preparedness, and willingness to help the commanding officers in maintaining control over the unit.
- d. Denunciation and elimination of all dissatisfaction among soldiers.
- e. Explanation of Korean developments and of their consequences, taking the line that Korea is a military training ground for the testing of American and English strength and the initial step toward a third world war.
- f. Informing the soldier that the UN has been transformed into an obedient appendix of the US and is without any authority.

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- 6. At present [redacted], beginning with political deputies of army groups through political deputies of military districts and political officers of higher echelons, all members of the Soviet War Council (Voyenny Sovet) are on an equal footing with commanding generals to whom they are deputies.

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- 7. At the present time [redacted], martial law (voynnoyediktorstvo) is in force in central and eastern Soviet military districts. Commanding officers of these military districts also command all administrative and economic organs located in their districts. All officers in the area have been called back from leave; Korean nationals in the area are being recruited for fighting in Korea.

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Comments:

*Presumably Lt. Gen. Konstantin Vasilevich Krainyukov.

**Presumably Lt. Gen. Mikhail Mikhailovich Pronin, also mentioned in [redacted]

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